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1. IN RESPONSE TO RUMORS CIRCULATING TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOH WAS CONSIDERING REESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA, FONMIN PERDOMO INFORMED LOCAL DAILY LA PRENSA THAT, WHILE SOME CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA PRIOR TO HIS TAKING OFFICE, THE GOH HAD SINCE DECIDED AGAINST SUCH A MOVE THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE DECISION WAS CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. PERDOMO ALSO INDICATED THAT SOME NEGOTIATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUBAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN TEGUCIGALPA, BUT THAT THE GOH HAD DECLINED TO AUTHORIZE THAT STEP. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF CUBA'S RUMORED RENTING OF A HOUSE TO SET UP SUCH A MISSION. PERDOMO'S STATEMENTS WERE CONFIRMED BY THE VICE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND INFORMATION AND COME ON THE HEELS OF AN EARLIER STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT BY CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR.

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2. FONMIN SOURCE CONFIRMS THAT THE LA PRENSA ARTICLE ADE-

QUATELY REPRESENTS GOH POLICY. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT WHILE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THE SALE OF WOOD TO CUBA, THIS WOUD BE DONE WITHOUT SETTING UP A TRADE MISSION. SANCHEZ

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